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1. The following CDU members were arrested by the Russians in Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, during the second week in March 1947:

Ernst Ernst, a young Saxony-Anhalt Landtag deputy, on 15 March 1947. Ernst had just returned from Berlin, where he had been on Party business. While in that city, he had spoken with an American journalist, and it is believed that this was the cause of his arrest.
Helfgang Schinke, a student and part-time journalist from Berlin, while on his way to visit his parents in Naumburg.

2. Schmidt-Stelting, the former economic editor of the Halle CDU newspaper, "Der Neue Weg", who had been working as a free-lance journalist in Halle, was arrested by the Russians on 12 March 1947. Although closely connected with the CDU, it is not believed that Schmidt-Stelting was an actual party member.
3. Kunze, chief editor of "Der Neue Weg", was notified by the SNA that he was considered persona non grata and would not be allowed further to pursue his journalistic activities.

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